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LETTER FROM FRANCE

Alexandria Boy Writes From "Over There" of Thoughts Concerning His Old Home City.

The editor of the Gazette received the following letter this morning from an Alexandria boy in France which will be read with interest by friends in this city:

"Somewhere in France,"
December 13th, 1917.

Dear friend Mr. Hard:

Just about three months ago it was my pleasure to start on a voyage, the outcome of which is my presence with the American Epeditionary Forces on active duty in France. To say that I am perfectly contented on this side of the "river," is putting mildly the state of mind of every American Soldier that I have met since my arrival "Over Here". When I was back in the "States" (you know, "The States" is a quite common way of describing the United States these days "Over Here"), when thinking of some of the Alexandria boys who had arrived in France I used to picture dear old France as being far, far away but now I am of an entirely different frame of mind. Instead of feeling that the great space of three or four thousand miles is separating me from "the town I left behind," I have the pleasant delusion of thinking that I am on one side of Hunting Creek and Alexandria is on the other—the only difference being that the time necessary to cross "oceanic" Hunting Creek is now somewhat lengthened. With reference to my delusion, I must admit that I am really proud of it; with it I am able to accomplish things which otherwise I would have to forego enjoying. For instance, with the assistance of "Mr. Vivid Imagination" I am almost able to see the old town just as I used to do when I was back there. I can, as it were, see our traffic policemen upon the "rues", the jitney, street-cleaner and what not? And, too, I have mental pictures of the crowded cars plying between Alexandria and Washington, carrying the hundreds of Alexandria "Mademoiselles" who are now tranquil holders of governmental positions ranging anywhere from the one-thousand-dollar specie to the twelve-hundred-dollar caste.

I often wonder how the city really looks these days when so many changes are taking place in all parts of the world. Now since a good number of the Alexandria boys have gone in training, Alexandria must look a little "slim" in comparison to the "days that were." From the accounts of my friends Alexandria must have been somewhat gloomy on the day when the Alexandria Light Infantry left for the south. However, the Alexandria people and the boys look forward to the great day when the American Army shall prove victorious and when the boys of the Light Infantry can proudly march down the old boulevard, so tenderly known to us as "King Street," amid wild acclamations of the populace. On that day, the students of history will recall what they read about the great return of Napoleon after the most famous of his battles. Whatever the trials of those who have left home may be the future joy of home-coming will over-balance any of the hardships that may possibly be endured. Yes, that day will beyond a shadow of a doubt be the happiest day that the people of Alexandria have experienced for a long time. Even now, I can see the people waiting around Henry Street or Fayette Street for the train carrying the boys back.

Well, old friend, we are kept pretty busy over here these days, and very seldom do I get a chance to write. Drop me a line soon and let me know how every little thing is going.

With best wishes, I remain, very sincerely,

Francis H. Fannon,
Care Chief Signal Officer, L. of C.,
American Expeditionary Forces.

RAILROAD MEN PLEDGE AID.

Not Surprised at Wilson's Action, They Offer No Criticism.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Chicago railroad heads promised full co-operation with the Federal authorities when informed of President Wilson's announcement of taking over the operation of all continental lines.

SAYS HE WAS ROBBED

Two Soldiers From a Nearby Camp Visit House Conducted by a Colored Woman Last Night

Between one and two o'clock this morning two soldiers whose company is stationed near Alexandria, visited a house in the northern section of the city presided over by a colored woman named Marie Hicks. The latter, at the solicitation of the soldiers, left the house and procured whisky somewhere in the neighborhood, which she served the visitors and three negro men who were in the house at the time. Later one of the soldiers discovered that he was minus about twenty dollars, and he started in search of the police. Sergeant Roberts and Officers Zell and Rawlett, to whom the alleged robbery had been reported, descended upon the house and took the proprietress and another woman and three negro men in custody.

The soldier who had been fleeced told the officers he had been held up and robbed, but upon being put upon the stand this morning he failed to tell how he had lost his money. He acknowledged he spent $4 in the house for drink and said the three negro men attempted to keep him and his companion from leaving the house.

The Hicks woman was held for the action of the grand jury to answer the charge of furnishing liquor in violation of the prohibition law. Her female companion showed that she was employed regularly in this city and escaped a sentence for vagrancy, and two of the negro men alleged that they were constantly employed. One claimed that he lived in the house. The third, however, failed to prove to the court that he worked regularly, and was fined $5 for vagrancy.

HELD AS EMBEZZLER.

$50,000 Cloth Theft at Sponging Plant Alleged.

New York, Dec. 28.—Louis Davidson, proprietor of a cloth shrinking and refinishing works in this city, was locked up in the Tombs prison last night on a charge of embezzling government property. The arrest was made in connection with the disappearance of 350 bolts of olive drab uniform cloth valued at $50,000 which for several months had puzzled the quartermaster department of the army.

The conspiracy to steal the uniform cloth is said to have been extensive, involving at least two civilian employes of the quartermaster department, and it is probable other arrests will be made tomorrow. Books of accountants at the army building and one of the government clothing warehouses are still under examination.

Davidson was arrested, Assistant United States District Attorney Knox said, after information had been received that he had sold 100 bolts of the cloth below the cost prices. The cloth, Mr. Knox said was shipped direct from the mills or sent from army warehouses to Davidson's establishment for sponging and shrinking. The government pays about $3 a yard for olive drab cloth.

The quartermaster department is said to have known for several months that cloth was being stolen, but because of the fact that accounts apparently had been altered to cover up the shortage, the problem was puzzling. Information of several sales below cost is said to have been obtained.

Detectives said they believed other sponging houses would be involved and that the cloth stolen will amount to $50,000 in value.

Police Angered by Robber.

New York, Dec. 28.—Jersey City has a footpad with waggish propensities, who has the police so mad today they've sworn to get him at all costs. The joker called the police "flat feet" in an open letter mailed the newspapers, and several of his victims in recent weeks report he lectured them severely on honesty being the best policy when they tried unsuccessfully to conceal some of their wealth sought by the holder-up. What makes the robber's actions puzzling is that his operations have been confined to relatively poor people, and his hauls have ranged all the way from 1 cent to $50—never more.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 7 King street.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Miss Helene Thoma, of Warrenton, Va., is a guest of Mrs. D. W. Stanton in North Columbus street.

Mr. C. R. Crump, of Warrenton, Va., a former resident of this city, is greeting old friends in Alexandria today.

Workmen are said to be engaged in tearing down the buildings at Luna Park, Alexandria county, between this city and Washington.

The next campaign to be launched in Alexandria will be that for the sale of War Saving Stamps, and new Year's week is the date set for the opening of the drive. Mr. Gardiner L. Boothe and Mr. Carroll Pierce have been named as managers of the campaign and a meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of arranging the necessary plans. It is stated that everyone in the city who is unable to "go to war" will be expected to buy War Saving Stamps. It does not mean a gift to charity but is really an investment for the person purchasing the stamps, similar to the Liberty bonds, only on a smaller scale, so that even the children can take part by saving their pennies and getting bonds for them. In other words, it means a campaign of thrift and money-saving for everybody.

The many friends of Mr. Wilton E. Arrington will regret to hear that he is suffering with an attack of grippe at his home in Queen street.

Today is notable for the reason that it is the date upon which occurs the total eclipse of the moon, the last to occur during the year 1917.

Captain and Mrs. Hellwege of the Salvation Army in Alexandria desire the Gazette to thank all those who so kindly aided them in their efforts to make a merry Christmas for those who otherwise would not have had any of the joys of the holiday season. They especially wish to thank those who helped to provide shoes and stockings and clothes for the little children, but they say that the calls for help are still coming in and that the need is great. Anyone having bed clothes or pillows which they can spare will be doing an especial favor if they will call phone 519, as the Army officers can make good use of any gifts of that kind.

The Osceola Tribe of Red Men of Alexandria has chosen officers for the ensuing year as here given: G. W. Walter, sachem; C. Schwab, senior sagamore; Charles Humphries, junior sagamore; T. C. Connor, chief of records; Francis Downham, collector of wampum; A. J. Butcher, keeper of wampum; William J. Garrett, guard of wigwam; Thomas Arnold, guard of forest.

The Sunday school of the Second Presbyterian church will hold its Christmas entertainment this evening at 7:30 in the Westminster Building.

Mr. T. B. Whedbee and Miss Etta May Evans, of Manassas, who were married in that place on Christmas day, are guests of Mr. Whedbee's sister, Mrs. Medcalf, on Duke street.

Mr. J. Ellis Norris, manager for R. G. Dunn and Company for the island of Cuba, with offices in Havana, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Norris, in Prince street.

At the annual election of officers of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., held last evening, the following named were chosen to preside for the coming year: Claude W. Fletcher, worshipful master; William B. Davis, senior warden; Robert A. Zachary, junior warden; James E. Shinn, treasurer; Alfred G. Uhler, secretary; Percy E. Clift, senior deacon; Alfred C. Moss, junior deacon; James M. Duncan, senior steward; Thomas L. Hall, junior steward; Rev. James M. Nourse and Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, chaplains; George W. Zachary, tiler. The officers were installed by Right Worshipful Charles H. Callahan, past district deputy grand master.

THE BALKAN QUESTION.

Ultimate Solution Will Be Demanded At The Peace Table.

Ultimate solution of the Balkan question and what Serbia and its Balkan allies will demand at the peace table will be outlined to America by Dr. Milenko Vesnitch, Serbian ambassador to Paris, in a speech before congress January 4th. Dr. Vesnitch will give the Balkan viewpoint, and it is believed his ideas will influence the United States in its future policy toward the near eastern allies. That Dr. Vesnitch in a veiled way, will bring home the incongruity of America's position in not declaring war against Turkey and Bulgaria is predicted, although the Serbian statesman denied yesterday that the object of his mission to this country is to influence the American war policy in any way.

"We have come to extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to the President and America for entering the war and to inform your statesmen about the true situation in the Balkans," Dr. Vesnitch declared today. He said that King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, was committed to war on the side of the central powers long before becoming an active participant. Bulgaria's bartering with the entente over proposed Serbian concessions was merely a subterfuge to gain time, in order that the Bulgar army might be mobilized, he declared. Re-establishment of "historic boundaries"—boundaries which existed in the Balkans before the Turks swept over Europe and when Serbia was in its prime—probably will be the new alignment sought at the peace table by Jugoslav partisans at the peace pour parlers, it is stated.

$1,500 a Year for Workers.

Workers on war munitions for the army, whether they are working directly for the Government, in arsenals, or indirectly, on munition contracts, will receive an average wage of $1,500 a year during the present fiscal year.

This is the estimate of the Public Service Reserve of the Department of Labor, which is engaged in finding workers for these plants.

The average earnings of workers in the Government service in Washington, Federal and District, including highly trained technical men, are considerably lower.

The Public Service Reserve reached its figures after a survey of wages paid on Government work throughout the United States. Some of this Government work is being done in and around Washington.

On the basis of this average wage the survey estimates that 4,800,000 wage earners must be employed on War Department work during the year to meet the estimates. Because of the high class of work demanded labor is estimated at 70 per cent of total cost of all war contracts.

DROP MEN FROM CAMPS.

Tuberculosis Causing Discharge of Soldiers at Various Cantonments.

Richmond, Dec. 28.—Reports continue to come from various cantonments and camps of men discharged from training because of tuberculosis. The lack of State facilities for the care of these men was made painfully apparent in the office of the Virginia Anti-Tuberculosis Association today when from a list of twenty-four men returned to their homes from one camp it was found that twenty counties were represented, and that there were hospital beds in only one of the counties. The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis reports the name and address of the men returned to each State Association, and an endeavor is promptly made to communicate with the men and to procure treatment for them. Without nurses, dispensaries, or camps in the various counties the Virginia Association is seriously handicapped in this work.

Effort to Open all Local Tuberculosis Camps to Soldiers.

With a waiting list at Catawba of 200 while the capacity of the place is only 169, the Virginia Anti-Tuberculosis Association is endeavoring to secure the co-operation of all the cities which have provisions for consumptives in order that a soldier discharged from the National Army may secure prompt treatment so long as there is a vacant bed in the State. Norfolk which has 40 beds will open its camp, providing first for the citizens of Norfolk; Danville with 30 beds, has also agreed to help in the same way, and Richmond, with 35 beds will co-operate if possible, but since there is always a waiting list at the local Pine Camp, this city cannot be counted on for much assistance. Already several telegrams have been received asking for immediate hospital accommodations for soldiers and it has been almost impossible to secure a bed sufficiently promptly.

MILLS GRIND WAR FLOUR.

New Product Contains 74 Per Cent. of the Grain—Price of Bran Drops.

Minneapolis, Dec. 28.—Local mills have began grinding "war flour" under the new government regulations, designed to save 16,000,000 bushels of wheat in the present crop year. Under these regulations, which provide for the use of 74 per cent of the wheat berry instead of 50 per cent., two grades of flour will be eliminated and the output will be listed as war flour of first and second grades.

The change resulted in a sharp reduction in bran prices, and a drop in the prices of other by-products, also is expected.

Several milling companies were compelled to suspend operations temporarily because of lack of proper equipment for grinding the new flour.

WILSON IS SIXTY-ONE.

Executive Enjoys His Birthday Quietly Reading Congratulation Messages.

President Wilson is sixty-one years old today.

The White House is flooded with congratulatory messages. The President is celebrating his birthday auspiciously by taking over the railroad control of the country at noon, an epochal event in the history of the nation.

While the President is thus celebrating his sixty-first birthday the family will observe the event quietly. Tonight there will be the usual family dinner.

With the thousands of telegrams many cable felicitations were received from across the water. From all the allied governments came congratulations and wishes for continued good health.

The President is enjoying the best of health and has been since entering the White House five years ago. The gigantic burdens that the war has placed upon his shoulders have apparently made no inroads on his physical conditions. He is the same man, mentally alert and cool.

It was only a coincident that the Presidential railroad proclamation should come on the President's birthday. It never occurred to the President that the historical date would fall upon his birthday.

COLD WAVE COMING.

Near Zero Weather Predicted for Near Year's Day.

This section today faces a cold wave of proportions similar to the freezing weather which held the city in its grasp several weeks ago, according to the Weather Bureau.

Following snow flurries today the mercury will begin to drop. Tomorrow will be colder, then will come more days of frigid weather. The New Year may be ushered in with the mercury hovering around zero.

The official forecast for today is: "Snow flurries, colder tonight and tomorrow."

JOHN R. THORNTON DEAD.

Former Senator From Louisiana. Later Member of Federal Ordnance Board.

Alexandria, La., Dec. 28.—John Randolph Thornton, former United States Senator from Louisiana and a member of the United State board of ordnance and fortifications, died at his home here early today, aged seventy-one. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning and interment will be in the Rapides cemetery at Pineville, near here.

The regular meeting of the Virginia Consistory No. 2, M. R. S., will be held Friday, December 28, 1917, at 8 p. m. for the annual election of officers.

306-4t. F. W. Latham, Sec'y.

DOCTORS ARE CALLED

About Four Hundred and Fifty Physicians From Virginia Now in the War Service.

Richmond, Dec. 28.—About 450 doctors from Virginia have been called in to the war service and more will be called. In many sections of the state there is only one doctor to a population of from one to two thousand. People are suffering now from lack of medical attention, and as the war progresses the suffering will be greater unless something is done at once. The sad experience of England and France has shown that the health of the civilian population cannot be neglected. Virginia wants to prepare before many lives have been uselessly sacrificed.

Public Health Nurses are today the most effectual means of off-setting the shortage of doctors. They must be had to help prevent sickness in order to reduce as much as possible the necessity for physicians.

The hospital graduate without special training in public health work cannot do much to relieve the situation. Under ordinary conditions a four to eight months course is considered necessary to equip nurses to go into the field. Today a serious war emergency confronts us and it must be met.

The school of social work and public health in Richmond, is offering at the request of and in co-operation with the tate Board of Health, a short emergency course in public health nursing, of six weeks, to begin Wednesday, January 2nd. This course is in addition to the regular four months course which the School itself offers (beginning February 1st) which leads to a certificate. For the emergency course no tuition charge will be made, the only cost being living expenses and car-fare for the six weeks and possibly $10.00 for books.

Nurses are urged to take this course in order to meet the pressing demand. There are today six positions, paying from $900 to $1,200, in the State unfilled and no nurses with adequate training can be found to take them. Any graduate nurse interested in public health work, even though she may not be able to take this short emergency course at this time, should not fail to write at once to Dr. H. H. Hibbs, Director, School of Social Work and Public Health, 1112 Capitol St., Richmond, Va.

BANDITS HOLD UP SUPPLIES.

Plunder Towns and Railroads in Russia—Refugees Here From Russia And Germany.

New York, Dec. 28.—Among the 1,200 passengers who arrived Wednesday at an American port from Norway on a Norwegian liner was Captain J. T. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Red Cross in Roumania, who said he had experienced great difficulty in getting relief supplies sent through from Archangel.

One of the favorite methods of the Bolsheviki, in case of any outbreak, he said, was to immediately cut off the train traffic and hold up all commerce on the line. In addition, Russia was swarming with bands of highwaymen, who plundered the towns and railroads as they went along. One train, carrying Red Cross supplies, was held up seventy-five times. If the guards on the train had not been well armed, and therefore able to repulse the banditti, it would never have got through.

Captain Williams went on to say that the Bolsheviki subjected foreigners, including Americans, to a thorough search before they were allowed to leave Petrograd, and this meant stripping to the skin and waiting in another room, wrapped up in a blanket, while the clothing was examined by the officials. Another search on a modified scale, took place at the frontier before entering Sweden.

"The fighting in the Russian cities," Captain Williams said, "can only be described as a purposeless mess without object or reason.

Citizens National Bank.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, the regular semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent was declared, payable on or after January 2nd, 1918, to stockholders of records, December 31st, 1917.

309-4t. Richard M. Green, Cashier.

FINED FOR SPEEDING

Young Man From Alexandria County Arrested on North Washington Street Yesterday Afternoon.

Among the cases in the Police Court this morning was that of a young man from Alexandria county who had been arrested by Officers Zell and Nevett for exceeding the speed limit while operating an auto truck on north Washington street. The officers testified that the young man was running the car fast enough to attract general attention, and that when hailed by them he disregarded their summons and kept on. The officers, however, identified the offender and later took him in custody. He was arraigned before the Police Court this morning and fined $10.

There is just complaint among the people of this city of the open defiance of law by reckless automobilists. Many of them pass through our streets at a dangerous speed and often turn corners without sounding horns.

The young man who was before the court this morning is but one of many who seem to think the city speed law is more honored in its breach than in its observance. He was no more reckless than others, but was simply following the example set by many autoists, especially when passing out north Washington street. South Fairfax street is another speedway for certain owners of automobiles.

These breaches of the law are mostly committed by Alexandrians, and the police will endeavor to bring before the court all such offenders in future. Some of them are known and recently have been fined, but the lesson of the law has not been taught in a number of cases. It may become necessary to compel some of the more defiant to give bond that they will observe the law in future.

SCHOONER ELUDES U-BOATS.

Captain Who Piloted Craft to France Saw Many Sinkings.

New York, Dec. 28.—Captain Andrew Elias Knudson of the three-masted American schooner Ruby, arriving at an American port Wednesday on board a French steamship after leaving the Ruby safe in a French port, told the story of three months' hardship endured by his crew in making the trip to France from New Orleans, and related that, although several other sailing ships within hailing distance of the Ruby in the danger zone disappeared in clouds of smoke, his own vessel suffered no serious mishap save the loss of a deck load of lumber.

The Ruby was becalmed for fifteen days when eighty miles from the French port it was making for, Captain Knudson said. During this time other sailing vessels in the same predicament, but fortified with auxiliary engines, were sunk nearby, but no member of the crew saw a submarine. The schooner, laden deep with lumber and a deck load, ran into a hurricane off Hatteras when three weeks out of New Orleans. This left the auxiliary engine of the vessel out of commission, carried away the sails, and left the gear in bad shape. Then came head winds and calms.

The crew saw five schooners blown up, and several times patrol boats raced by with the survivors of the fated craft. Luck followed the Ruby, Knudson said, and a breeze, springing up after more than a fortnight's calm, finally bore her into port.

MAYOR'S WARNING.

Has a Blacksnake Whip For Wife Beaters.

New York, Dec. 28.—Another cause for a wail from the throats of the "personal privilege" gentlemen came when Mayor William J. Smalley of North Plainfield declared he would whip any man brought before him charged with indulging in the pleasant pastime of beating his wife.

To emphasize his threats, he pointed to a particularly wicked looking whip of the blacksnake variety lying over the bench in the borough court room.

The mayor said he fully realized he was upsetting a custom as ancient as the Saturday night bath, but he didn't care. In fact, he said that he had information to the effect that there were men who made it a point to beat their wives not only on Saturday night but on other nights.

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ALEXANDRIA AND THE NEW YEAR.

The sands of the year 1917 have nearly run. But three more days are left, and at midnight Monday the bell in the City Hall steeple will toll the requiem of the old and ring in the new.

It would require the entire space of the Gazette to recapitulate the many horrors which have occurred during the dying year. War has claimed its thousands, while frightful accidents in many places have made it an historic year. There has been but little outside the ordinary to chronicle in Alexandria in the way of accidents or overt acts upon the part of any. The average number of deaths have occurred, but we have been spared epidemics, sorrows and elemental disturbances which have distressed other communities. There have been times when we have become anxious over the shortage of fuel or other articles, but, in the main, we have received our share of the necessaries of life, and have much for which to be thankful.

In other days the death throes of an old year have caused us to think of the troubles that were about to be buried in the shape of financial disasters, disappointments, etc. It will, however, not be so next Monday night. Our old city, after having waited long and patiently for a turn in the tide, is assured that the sun of 1918 will beam more benignantly upon us than at any time in our history. The unexpected has happened, and Alexandrinas before the snow begins to fly in the autumn of the coming year will doubtless see the population of the city doubled in consequence of the installation here of a shipbuilding plant which will necessarily employ thousands of mechanics

While the shipbuilding plant of itself will prove of great good, we are told that other enterprises, equally as important, are booked for Alexandria. The dreams of our forefathers, it is believed, are about to be realized by the construction of railroad facilities with the coal fields of West Virginia and Maryland, for which our people have sighed during the past three score years. The new year, we have every reason to believe, will be historic for Alexandria, which will naturally bring rejoicing to the present generation.

GERMAN TRICKERY.

Germany is trying to persuade the Russian people that only the allies now stand in the way of peace. Peace terms announced yesterday by Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian prime minister, to the Brest-Litovsk conference pledged the central powers' apparent adherence to the principles of "no annexations and no indemnities," but only on condition that England and its allies agree to this same policy. Continuing, the terms seemingly concede to Russian demands on other peace aims. But the stipulation that Russia must secure the allies' adoption of all of Germany's principles, as London officialdom saw it yesterday, was for the obvious purpose of attempting to convince the Russians that only the allies are holding up restoration of peace.

This move was seen as one of Germany's cleverest pieces of diplomatic strategy, calculated to embarrass the allies as much as possible. Czernin's bid for peace from the central powers makes these points:

Germany is agreeable to a policy of no annexations and no indemnities; Germany is disclaiming any desire to deprive any independent nation of political rights now possessed by it; Germany repudiates the idea of a peace council settlement of the future of certain independent states.

No mention is made in the outlines of the Czernin proposals of any payment by Germany of damages for the ravishing of Belgium, of France, and of Poland. No mention was made of future guarantees of world peace. Both points are absolutely essential, in the view of the allies.

It is pointed out that under the German statement of principles, Germany would insist on return of all her colonies and would hold fast to Alsace-Lorraine. The Teutonic "concessions" found no echo among the allies.

Germany's reply is regarded as an adroit general peace feeler. It means that Alsace-Lorraine, under the Teutonic plans, could not be liberated; that Belgium could be given no reparation; that Trentino would not be redeemed; that Britain must evacuate Mesopotamia and Palestine; that Germany would be free to establish its mitteleuropa and domination in the east. It would mean the ruin of the British empire—in short, a German peace would be a German victory."

THE FOOD PROBLEM.

A Swiss newspaper, speaking of Germany's small supply of food, said last week that only the armistice on the eastern front had prevented a revolt of the people. "The hope of obtaining food from Russia," it added, "alone restrains the disciplined German workmen." There is evidence about the perilous shortage in the following from the Berliner Tageblatt:

"Foodstuffs prospects are more unfavorable than at any time during the war. To the high cost of fo which already has become a terrible burden to the masses, is added the danger that not even the most absolutely necessary foodstuffs can be considered as assured."

Germans who expect food help from Russia will be disappointed. Only in Southern Russia can grain be found, and control there is in the hands of those opposing the Bolsheviki. In the north the food shortage is greater than in Germany. Rations are very small.

If Russia is sorely in need of food from abroad, the German rations will not be enlarged b yexports from her territory.

WHY NOT SAVE THAT WOOD?

In these days of scarcity of coal and wood, why would it not be a fine idea to save the old railroad ties which are burned up along the railroads and let the people who could use them for fire wood have them? Has the thought ever occurred to the railroad managers? Is there any valid reason why the idea could not be carried into effect?

Thousands of cords of excellent wood are said to be burned up yearly in the immense numbers of ties which are burned and thrown away along the various lines of railroads, all or a large part of which, it would seem, might be saved and made use of for fuel.

WILL WAR TO A FINISH.

The Hohenzollerns Must Disgorge Before Allies Will Listen to Peace Talk.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28. —Russian peace negotiators have accepted, Count Czernin's German terms as the "basis" for general peace discussion and will renew the conferences at Brest-Litovsk Wednesday next, according to word from that city received here via Berlin today.

Czernin asked for an immediate negotiations of matters affecting Russia alone.

Paris, Dec. 28.—France will refuse to negotiate any German-contrived peace, such as the deft terms announced by Count Czernin provide, Minister of Foreign Affairs Pichon declared today in the chamber of deputies.

His declaration was received with great applause.

Paris, Dec. 28.—"War to the finish —war until the Hohenzollerns disgorge"—is the answer of the French to the peace proposals now being discussed on the Eastern front. Press and public alike see in the deliberations a mask for ulterior German designs. The theory that the Central Powers and the Russian radicals are working in concert is not without supporters.

The Temps voices the opinion of a large element when it says:

"A pretext of war, a stimulant for the war, that's all the masters of Germany seek when speaking of peace. Cannot the allied governments denounce and foil this perfidy by preparing for a war to the finish, which the German staff wants?"

The press does not doubt that the German government anticipates the failure of the negotiations; but in this event, it is feared, the imperial policy will have the advantage of reawakening in the German people the "enthusiasm and rage" that are needed for the execution of the long and difficult offensive on the Western front, toward which fresh troops are reported to be moving.

The junkers, it is felt here, want to convince the German people that Germany is powerful enough to vanquish the allies in the West. They seek to spread the belief among the masses that it is the purpose of the allies to crush Germany and that for this reason the allies themselves must be crushed.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson will, it is understood, waste little time or thought over the peace terms which the Teuton powers proposed to the Russian Bolsheviki delegates through Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

The terms are regarded here as simply another familiar move in the German game of using peace talk as a weapon to weaken enemy governments with their own peoples and as a tonic for the war-weary spirits of people at home. This latest Teuton peace bid is in some respects the most cunning and deceptive of all.

It admittedly has the outward appearance of being extremely liberal and conciliatory, punctuated as it is with such catch phrases as "no annexations and no indemnities" or "terms just to all belligerents," etc.

In this respect and in the vague and confused outline it presents it has a strong tendency to keep the Russian Bolsheviki engaged in further negotiations during which time Germany is free to move troops to the Western front.

Excepting as demonstrating again how cunningly Germany attempts to use peace talk for war purposes, the so-called terms has little interest for the United States government. Under official scrutiny and studied in the light of information available at the State Department the terms ignore practically every vital principle for which the war has been waged by the United States and the entente.

Count Czernin's speech at Brest-Litovsk means:

That the central powers will make no restoration or concessions whatsoever until and unless all belligerents subscribe to the principle of "no forcible annexations or indemnities."

That—in the hypothetical case of the allies joining the peace negotiations on the basis of the above principles—Germany is willing:

1. To evacuate all occupied territories.

2. To restore Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Rumania to political independence.

That Germany insisted upon the return of her colonies and opposes Lloyd George's plan to make the wishes and interests of the populations the dominant factor in the decision of their fate.

That Germany refuses:

1. To restore Alsace-Lorraine.

2. To restore Prussian Poland.

That Austria-Hungary refuses:

1. To restore "Italian Irredenta."

2. To restore Hungary, Bohemia, and other formerly independent nationalities in the Hapsburg empire.

The Teuton offer is virtually an invitation to all powers to return to the "status quo ante bellum."

HUNTER FREEZES TO DEATH.

Body Found on Shaver Mountain Days After he Left Home.

Franklin, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Jason Burns, aged 15 years, was found frozen to death in the mountains recently by searchers. The boy had gone hunting with two dogs and when he failed to return that day searching parties started over the mountains, but for 4 days no trace of him could be found. Four days ago his dogs were found at a bear trap and the search was renewed. Tracks were discovered which led to the peak of Shaver Mountain, five miles from the boy's home, where the boy was found frozen stiff. It is thought he became lost and froze to death the first night out.

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Virginia's hallowed homes, wherein she rears
Her lovely daughters, steadfast, true and pure;
Her noble, loyal sons, who know no fears.

Long may their stately portals wide be held
To welcome to their hospitable halls
The lofty and lowly —stranger, friend—
Rest, peace and joy to find within their walls.

—Lucy Preston Beale.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

"Evidence of Moral Healthiness of German Race," Berlin Councillor Declares.

Ten per cent. of the children born in Prussia in wartime are illegitimate, according to statements made in the Prussian House of Representatives in the debate on the vital statistics. The Berlin Town Councillor, Dr. Engel, in an article in Vorwarts, makes the statement that this large proportion of illegitimate children is "evidence of the moral healthiness of the German race." He adds, in the course of an appeal for the withdrawal of all distinctions between legitimate and illegitimate children:

"Paradoxical though it may seem, this great number of illegitimate children represent a measure of the morality of our people. They afford evidence that, after all, the idea of the restriction of families, an idea which the war with special emphasis bids us combat, has not yet penetrated the masses.

"The terrible fact, however, is that only 136 out of every 1,000 illegitimate children reach their nineteenth year, as compared with 512 in the case of legitimate children. The death rate of illegitimates is a convincing plea for the improvement of the situation of unmarried mothers and their children. There should be a uniform birth certificate, and women who were engaged to fallen soldiers should be awarded the title 'Frau.'

"Wartime, owing to the card system, is a torture for the unmarried mother. Every journey for a food card is a path of thorns and a source of fresh mortification and humiliation. In the card-issuing office, and again in the shops, she must again and again make confession of her fault. The awarding to her of the title Frau would remove many obstacles and much mental torture."

The number of unmarried mothers in Prussia, Dr. Engle states, has now reached a total of nearly 200,000 yearly.

DEMOCRATS NOT WORRIED.

Scout Idea That Republicans Will Control the House.

Democratic leaders spending the holiday vacation in Washington scoff at the suggestion that recent deaths and resignations among the membership of the House of Representatives might enable the Republicans to reorganize the lower branch of Congress.

"The Republicans couldn't reorganize the House if they wanted to, and there isn't the slightest doubt they would if they could," said one Democratic chieftain, who has analyzed the present and prospective political classification of the House. "Not even the forthcoming retirement of four New York Democrats will affect the party line-up in the House. The statement that when these New Yorkers—Fitzgerald, Bruckner, Griffin, and Hulbert—resign, the Republicans will have a majority of two in the House was based upon a mistaken assumption, gained from the somewhat erroneous figures printed in the Congressional Directory."

As Democratic leaders figure it, the Republicans have not a chance to oust Champ Clark from the Speakership or displace any of the minor officers of the House.

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Government control of every ton of coal mined in the United States is assumed through an order made public yesterday by Mr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator. The order will remain in force until further notice. It requires that every contract for the purchase and sale of coal and coke shall contain a provision that it be subject to immediate cancellation at the request or order of the fuel administrator, and also be subject to requisition by the government.

Contracts for the purchase and sale of coal and coke shall not be for a longer period than one year, and deliveries under such contracts must begin within six months. The prices must be specified to be those fixed by the President, or by the fuel administrator, and in force at the time deliveries are made.

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To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

Miss Gladys M. Brooks, room 1, Alexandria National bank building; W. C. Drury, 107 south Royal street; J. T. Burke, Burke and Herbert; Miss Cora Duffey, Office, Clerk of Court; Courtland H. Davis, 121 south Royal street; Claude H. Crump, 1801 King street; M. L. Dinwiddie, Citizens National Bank; J. J. Green, First National Bank; E. J. Fleming, 119 south Fairfax street; A. C. Moss, Alexandria National Bank.

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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

AFTER THE PENNY BANKS.

Council of Defense Wants the Money Hoarded up in Them Put into Circulation.

Richmond, Dec. 28.—The penny savings banks of children are a potential war force, according to Raymond T. Baker, director of the United States Mint.

In asking the State Council of Defense to aid in every possible way in the sale of war-savings stamps, Mr. Baker mentions as "Sinews of War," not only the pennies, but also the nickels, dimes and other minor coins that children, and some grown folks, are wont to hoard.

The financial reserve that these "hoardings" constitute is ordinarily regarded as negligible, but Mr. Baker points out another way to look at the matter. He says:

"The time has come for the passing of the penny bank. These receptacles, which are to be found in half the homes of America, should be made superfluous by the issuance by the Government of war-saving certificates, war-saving stamps, and thrift stamps. Investment in them may begin at 25 cents.

"The entrance of the United States into the European war has enhanced the need for increased quantities of almost every known commodity. The United States is in need of all the pennies, nickels, dimes and other subsidiary coins that can be drawn into circulation.

"Millions of dollars in these minor coins are now idle in toy banks, coin savers, and other small receptacles, used chiefly by children to aid in accumulating savings.

"The passage of the war-revenue act has brought a tremendously increased need of small coins, especially pennies. Taxes, designed to help win the war, must be collected in small amounts, frequently made up of odd cents, on all sorts of amusements, methods of communication and travel and by many other means. The increased demand for these small coins is obvious. The United States mints are working 24 hours a day, and Sundays, in an effort to supply the demand. For this reason the co-operation of the American people in releasing from private hoards of possible minor coin is especially urged.

"The saving of small coins is a thrifty habit by no means reprehensible, but a truer method of accomplishing thrift and at the same time aiding the United States Government has been provided through the issuance of war-savings certificates and war savings stamps. The small coins formerly hidden away in toy banks may be put into these obligations of the United States. A handful of small coins permitted to remain in a slotted box yields no more at the end of a period than when it is hidden away. A handful of coins put into certificates or stamps brings the owner interest in the maximum amount of 4 per cent, compounded quarterly.

"Enough small coins should be shaken out of the toy banks of the country to relieve the present stringency of this form of money."

ESTATE IS VALUABLE.

Virginia Woman Remembers State Institution in Will Filed Today.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 28.—By the will of Mrs. Henry W. Stevenson Colston, society leader and native Virginian, filed here yesterday, the bulk of her $76,500 estate is left to her niece and step-daughter, Miss Judith P. Colston. One-twentieth is left to the testator's husband, Edward Colston, an eminent attorney, legal associate of the former Ohio state governors, Harmon and Hoadley, and one-twentieth to her sister, Mrs. Judith F. Winslow. The will provides that if Miss Colston dies without heirs one-fourth of her estate goes for establishing a scholarship at the theological seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church at Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Colston leaves her almost priceless library to the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va., and plate given to one of her ancestors by President James Madison, and a gold medal given another by William and Mary College to the Historical Society of Virginia at Richmond, Va., The decedent was a daughter of ex-Governor Stevenson, of Virginia.

E. L. HORNBAKER DEAD

Death Claims Prominent Manassas Citizen.

Edwin Latimer Hornbaker died Monday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hornbaker, on West street, after a lingering illness. Mr. Hornbaker was for about five years a patient sufferer from cancerous growths, having rarely been able to leave his home for the past two years.

He was the only son of the late John R. and Mrs. Hornbaker, and was born near Manassas September 22, 1860.

For a number of years he was agent and telegraph operator for the Southern Railway Company at Bristow. Early in his youth Mr. Hornbaker united with the Presbyterian church and remained a faithful member to the last.

FARMERS ASKED TO HELP.

How They Can do Their bit in Helping to Win the War, as Suggested by the Commission on Car Service.

The Commission on Car Service has sent out the following article with a request for its publication in the newspapers throughout the country:

The Commission desires to place before the farmers of the country the very grave transportation situation which now confronts the railroads in order to impress upon the farmers the absolute necessity for their active and hearty co-operation with the railroads in their efforts to move the maximum of essential commodities.

The freight car situation at the present time in most localities is acute, with little or no prospect for any improvement as winter approaches. On the contrary, it may be safely stated that conditions will be worse. The result of this will necessarily be that many essential articles will not receive an adequate car supply. This is true in the case of fertilizers. The railroads appreciate the great importance of this commodity in the production of food and are making every preliminary effort to provide as full a car supply for this purpose as it is possible to do.

The duty of every farmer is twofold: First, he should anticipate his fertilizer requirements and place orders with his local dealer immediately, if possible ordering his entire supply of fertilizer at one time. This will enable the dealer to place his orders with the fertilizer manufacturers so that they in turn can ship every car loaded to its maximum capacity. This will result in the farmer being sure, as far as it is humanly possible for such assurance to be given, that he will receive the fertilizer he will need. It will enable the manufacturer to utilize railroad equipment to its maximum capacity; will conserve the car supply and release thousands of cars from this traffic to be loaded with food products, munitions of war and other commodities vital in the successful prosecution of the war with Germany.

Another way in which the farmers can do their part is in assisting the dealers to promptly unload cars after arrival at destination so that they can be immediately released and started away on another journey.

The farmer, by co-operating with the manufacturers and the railroads in conserving railway equipment will be "doing his bit" just as effectively as the men in the trenches. It is not only his patriotic duty to order fertilizer early and assist in releasing cars promptly but it is to his own personal interest to do so. If the farmer neglects to order early it will result in small carload shipments being offered to the railroads, which if accepted, will result in tying up traffic, delaying shipments and increasing the possibilities of the farmer not receiving his fertilizer at all, or if it is received, delaying it to the point where it will be of little service when it does arrive.

SOMETIMES

If times are hard, and you feel blue,
Think of the others worrying too;
Just because your trails are many,
Don't think the rest of us haven't any.
Life is made up of smiles and tears,
Joys and sorrows, mixed with fears;
And though to us it seems one-sided,
Trouble is pretty well divided.
If we could look in every heart,
We'd find that each one has its part,
And those who travel fortune's road,
Sometimes carry the biggest load.

KAISER AIDS ALLIES.

Speech to Second Army Plain Confession of Responsibility for War.

London, Dec. 28.—The German Emperor's speech to the soldiers of the second army on the Western front could not have been better worded to suit those in this country who are anxious to strenthen the allies' determination to fight on to victory, if a British statesman had been permitted to write it.

In every quarter here, Conservatives and Liberals, the so-called "Never-endians" and those who seek peace by negotiations, regard the Kaiser's words, particularly those in reference to the Deity, not only as sacrilegious, but as final proof that the responsibility for the war and its continuance now rests with the enemy.

The Kaiser's speech is regarded not only as a distorted falsehood, but as sort of parallel to certain unfortunate, knock-out speeches from the other side of the fence.

The effect upon France, Italy and Britain unquestionably will be to nerve the peoples afresh for what is felt is a different period in store for them "the next hundred days."

WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER.

Arrested at Christmas Celebration On Charge of Killing a Man.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Fiomena Tarracciano was arrested early Wednesday morning, while attending a Christmas celebration in Jamaica, on a charge of shooting and killing Carlo Polese, in her former home in Madison, N. J., last July.

Mrs. arracciano formerly lived in Madison with her husband and three sons, Polese boarded with the family. Four years ago, Mrs. Tarracciano was fined $25 for stabbing Polese, according to Fred R. Johnson, Captain of the Madison police. Later Polese returned to her home to live. Captain Johnson says she shot Polese while he was asleep and escaped after jumping out of a window of her home Recently,—Johnson learned that Mrs. Tarracciano was living in Jamaica. She was entertaining her hosts' children when arrested. Magistrate Clark, in the Jamaica Police Court, held her to await extradition.

SOCIALISTS ARRESTED.

Minority Party Leaders Rounded Up On Christmas Eve.

London, Dec. 28.—More than 300 members of the German minority socialist party were arrested on Christmas eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich dispatch.

Following the arrests of minority socialists at Cologne and Karlsruhe recently, the German military authorities made a large number of arrests on Christmas eve in Munich, Frankfort, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Dusseldorf, Darmstadt, Nuremburg, Dortmund, Cassel, Mannheim, Mayence, Coburg, Duisburg and Gotha.

More than 300 minority socialists and local leaders in the towns mentioned were arrested."

PLOT AGAINST FERDINAND.

Bringing Serious Conditions in Country.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—News of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand of Rumania has been received at the Smolny Institute, the Bolsheviki headquarters, according to the evening newspapers.

There are also said to be disturbed conditions in Rumania.

These reports are confirmed in some respects by dispatches received here indicating unsettled conditions and a political crisis.

WEMYSS SUCCEEDS JELLICOE.

Took Part in the Battle of Jutland And Convoyed Troops to Gallipoli.

London, Dec. 28.—Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has been appointed First Sea Lord in succession to Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, according to an official announcement.

Admiral Jellicoe has been elevated to the peerage in recognition of his very distinguished services. The hope is expressed that his experience may be utilized later in another important post.

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Every New York Pier Occupied by Craft Awaiting Fuel.

New York, Dec. 28.—One hundred steamships aggregating more than 1,000,000 tons gross are being held in New York harbor through lack of coal, and the number is increasing daily. Every pier in the East and North river is occupied, and the vessels have to anchor either in the lower bay or up the North River until there is room.

Twenty-two of the detained steamships are owned by a French company and have been waiting for coal since November 24. They include four ammunition ships. Fifteen steamships, ranging from 8,000 to 50,000 gross tons, are owned by an Anglo-American corporation, and eight others by a British steamship company. Th other vessels are freighters belonging to American, French, Italian and British companies, and a few steamships operated by the United States shipping board in carrying supplies and horses to France.

One of the managers of the Berwand White Coal Company, the chief coal producers for shipping in the port of New York, said that the coal situation was very serious. It was interfering with the progress of the war and there was no relief in sight.

BUY 2,500,000 TONS SUGAR.

Negotiations With Cuban Commission Completed in New York.

New York, Dec. 28.—Negotiations between the International Suga Committee and the Cuban Commission have been practically complete it is learned, whereby 2,500,000 ton of this season's Cuban sugar cro has been contracted for by the Unite States and British Governments fo delivery during the next ten months. One-third of this tonnage goes to Great Britain, the rest to the United States.

The International Committee has taken an option on the remaining 700,000 tons that the present Cuban crop is expected to yield. Assurance has been given the sugar committee that a sufficient number of ships will be made available by the United States government to bring the raw crop to the refineries.

The agreement between the International Committee and the Cuban Commission appointed by President Menocal of Cuba, is now ready to be signed by the contracting parties, excepting for a few minor details.

The price agreed upon for the 2,500,000 tons of sugar taken under contract by the American and British governments is $4.60 cents f. o b. the north side of the Island of Cuba and $4.55 cents f. o. b. the south side.

TURKS EXECUTED 30 JEWS.

Father of Aaronsohn, Agriculture Station Chief, a Victim.

New York, Dec. 28.—Thirty Jewish men and women were executed by the Turkish army that surrendered Jerusalem to Gen. Allenby December 0th, according to an announcement made here by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs. Included in the number massacred were some of the most prominent residents of the Holy City and its suburbs, it was stated.

The father and a sister of Aaron Aaronsohn, head of the Palestine agricultural experiment station, which is subsidized by the United States Department of Agriculture, were among the victims of the atrocity.

The retreat of the Turks through Galilee drove 12,000 Jewish survivors northward where they are in dire need. The committee has undertaken to furnish a minimum of $30,000 monthly for their relief, it was stated.

FEAR DESTRUCTION OF SHIPS.

Military Guard Asked in Protest Sent to Capital.

New York, Dec. 28.—Failure of the Federal authorities to provide better protection for yards where ships for this country are being constructed was the basis of a report made yesterday by the advisory war shipping committee of the Merchants' Association, following a series of conferences. Upon receiving the report the committee instructed S. C. Mead, secretary of the association, to forward letters of protest to Edward M. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, to Secretaries Daniels and Baker and to other officials interested.

The shipping committee charges that little or no protection is being given to the big shipyards in the vicinity of New York and that without military guards they are practically at the mercy of enemy aliens. The ships now in construction, according to the report, are in constant danger of destruction or injury at the hands of those hostile to this country.

GERMAN FAILURE.

Attacking Army Lose Heavily in Killed and Prisoners.

The visit of the German emperor to the Verdun front last week and the delivery of his "iron fist and shining sword" speech in another western front sector the next day have been followed by a determined attack by German troops on the French defenses northeast of Verdun on the east bank of the Meuse.

The blow was delivered at Caurieres wood on a direct line north from Fort Douaumont, the famous keypoint of the Verdun battle of 1916, from which it is slightly less than two miles distant. Two attacks followed a violent bombardment.

The effort, according to the Paris official reports, was a sanguinary failure. In the last attack the enemy succeeded in reaching the French lines. He was immediately ejected however, losing heavily in killed and prisoners.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Invading Mexico yesterday, three troops of the Eighth Cavalry killed thirty-five Villista bandits in a running fight. One trooper is reported killed. The bandits, who were the same crowd that raided the Brits and Fitzgerald ranches and killed Mike Welch, fled in disorder when the American troops crossed the border and abandoned a large part of their loot. A number of them were taken prisoner and are being conveyed to Marfa. Because of their superior horses the American troops were able to get within striking distance of the bandits, who fled to the mountains when the soldiers approached.

Guatemala City, the capital of the Republic of Guatemala, was partly destroyed by an earthquake on Christmas Day. A large number of the leading buildings were wrecked, including the National Palace, which houses the vastous branches of the government, the general postoffice and the railway station. About sixty persons are reported killed and a large number injured.

Division headquarters at Camp Dodge, Iowa, announced yesterday that ground glass had been found in canned tomatoes sent to Camp Dodge as food for soldiers of the Eighty-eighth Division. Discovery was made by special officers detailed to watch for the poison when warning was received from the Central Department. The tomatoes are said to have been canned in Missouri. Discovery of the ground glass was made following investigations in Chicago, which resulted in all army camps being warned. Orders have been issued at Camp Dodge prohibiting the use of canned tomatoes.

Rev. W. A. Starck, German Lutheran preacher, and Fred Tennegkeit, prosperous German farmers of Audubon, Ia., were saved from mob Wednesday night by quick action of deputy sheriffs. Both men were about to be hanged for alleged unpatriotic utterances when the sheriffs arrived. A mob of 500 was dragging Tennegkeit, whom they had beaten into unconsciousness, to the nearest telegraph pole, when the officers interfered. Proceeding to Rev. Starck's home the mob fired on him when he fled and placing a rope about his neck were about to hang him when his wife fainted. The mob hesitated and the officers arrived. Tennegkeit has left the country and Starck has been given until Saturday night to leave.

While the opposing armies rested on their guns Wednesday along virtually the whole of the Italian front, a big aerial battle developed behind the firing line and ended disastrously for the Austro-Germans. A squadron of twenty-five of the enemy's flying machines sent out to attack the town of Treviso, an important railroad center sixteen miles north of Venice. Before they reached their goal they were met by British and Italian air forces, and in the fierce battle which ensued eleven Teuton scout planes were brought crashing to earth.

Capture of the U-53, the submarine which visited Newport a year ago, enabled the allies to sink five other enemy submarines in one day recently, as announced by Lloyd George in the British House of Commons. The U-53 was taken by a French flotilla. In her hold was found the German naval code which revealed that she was one of a fleet of her class. Next day an appointment was flashed out for the sister ships. When they arrived at the hour appointed, there was a fleet of allied submarines, destroyers and aeroplanes on hand. One by one the five U-boats were discovered by the fliers who succeeded in dropping bombs on them and forcing them to come to the surface. In each instance except one the German craft were sunk with a few shots from the waiting enemy ships. The fourth submarine was captured intact with a white flag protruding from her conning tower, but she sank before all of her crew had been taken off.

Emperor Yoshihito in opening the Japanese Imperial Diet yesterday said in his speech from the throne that in view of the growing gravity of the war situation Japan expects to strengthen her relations with the entente allies. Japan, he said, was unwavering in her determination to fulfill scrupulously her pledges to her allies, to preserve peace in the Orient and to attain the final objects of the war. The Mikado pointed out the necessity of replenishing Japan's means for national defense.

The town of Rouselaere (Roulers), in Belgium, was almost laid waste recently by the terrific explosion of an ammunition train, caused by bombs dropped by a British airman, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf of Amsterdam. The airplane itself was brought down by the aerial pressure. Many Germans and a few Belgians, the latter engaged in forced labor, were killed.

Dr. James R. Brock, of Trenton, Ga., deputy warden at the Atlanta Federal penitentiary, was killed yesterday when Demitre Popoff, a prisoner, struck him down with an iron bar. The only reason the convict would give for the attack was "it was a personal matter." Popoff, said to be an alien enemy, was sentenced for five years for counterfeiting from the Northern district of Ohio. He began serving his sentence last May.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Notice.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 14, 1918, at ten o'clock a. m.

Walter Roberts, President.
308td.

The First National Bank.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 26, 1917

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, the regular semi-annual dividend of six per cent, and an extra dividend of th ee per cent, were declared, payable on or after January 1st, 1918.

Geo. E. Warfield,
308-4t. Cashier.

To the Stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited will be held in the law office of J. K. M. Norton, esq., at No. 28 south Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 14th day of January, 1918, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., for the election of two directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Witness my hand at Westminster. Md., this 13th day of December, 1917.

Ralph S. Reifsnider, Secretary.
298-12t.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Directors and Stockholders of the Odd Fellows Joint Stock Company, will be held at Odd Fellows Hall, South Columbus street, Alexandria, Va., Jan. 7, 1918, at 7:30 p. m.

C. C. Brooks, President,
W. H. Skinner, Secretary.
306-6t.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Royal and Wilkes street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, December 31, at 9 a. m.

By order of President.
A. S. Mankin, Secretary.
302-10t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

December 8, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
296-3t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank.
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier.
295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank,
Alexandria, Va.,
Dec. 8th, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.
294-25t.

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Schedule in effect July 2, 1917.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33, 10.38, 10:45 a. m. 12:01, 1:28, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14 5.53, 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

Saturdays only, 1:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:08 p. m

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 11:47, a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 8:32, 5:1 (local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

Accommodation for Quantico at 11:18 a. m. daily and 2:15 p. m. Saturdays. Night train leaves 11:30 p. m. daily for stations Lorton to Fredericksburg inclusive.

NOTE—Times of arrival and departure and connections not guaranteed.

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P. M.----12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55

Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M. and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A. M.---Week Days---5 35, 6 55, 7 55, 9 55, 10 30, 11 30,—P. M.—12 30, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 35, 10 20, 11 50.

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4:42 a. m., Daily—Memphis Special. Sleeping cars and coaches for Lynchburg, Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Washington sleeping cars open after 10:00 p. m. Dining car.

7.37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:02 a. m., Daily—U. S. fast mail. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Dining car.

9.37 a. m., Daily-Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

4:32 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville. Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited. (Via Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car.

10:17 p. m., Daily, first section—Washington and Atlanta limited.

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11:02 p. m., Daily, second section—Washington and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train, Club and Observation cars to New Orleans.

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